

# Newsline



## CROSS – CULTURAL M I N I S T R I E S

Since Christmas we have been back on schedule with the after-school program. If you did not receive our printed newsletter on December, there is one on our website. It had so many photos that I was not able to send it out via email. If you would like a printed copy, please request via email for one to be mailed to you.

### Updates and Information

Captial Campaign for New Vehicle: The \$5,000 from Christ Fellowship Atlanta was matched! We have a total of \$11,600 to use for a new minivan or station wagon. **Thank you to everyone who gave!**

New Volunteers: Since January, God has provided 2 new volunteers to assist with the after-school program. They are Mary Lou Moorehead of Dunwoody Community Church and Hugo Kirk. Bill Beeson of Church of the New Covenant will soon be returning to the center; Bill had back surgery in the fall and is recovering well. We are grateful for these new volunteers and the recovery of Bill.

#### Volunteers Still Needed:

Good News Club on Friday from 2-4:30 PM

- Monday after school from 2-4:30 PM
- Additional tutors for:
- Monday 4:30-5:30 PM
- Wednesday adult ESL 5:30-6:15 PM
- Thursday after school from 2:30-4:30



#### Easter Egg candy & people to fill the eggs

After Easter, we will have several Easter egg hunts for the children during the after-school program. We have the eggs, but we need candy and items to fill the eggs. We also need people who will fill the eggs -- a good project for youth, mothers, home schoolers, and seniors. Virginia can deliver and pick up the eggs, if needed.

The children are reminded of the significance of the eggs and how Christ fills our lives. The Easter message is given in various ways prior to the egg hunt which is a highlight of the Spring season for the children.

SHOP NOW WHILE THINGS FROM VALENTINE ARE ON SALE! Valentine candy and pennies are enjoyed as much as candy kisses, etc. Small crosses are a wonderful treasure when found in the eggs.  
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## CCM reaches beyond the ministry-homework center.

Additional ministry opportunities in 2009 included those in the Chamblee-Doraville area and those who once lived there. Imagine ...

... your mother doesn't come home and you are 12 and responsible for 2 younger siblings. You have no food, no phone and of course no transportation. After the 6th day you find out your mom is in jail. She never told the authorities she had children. Then the landlord comes over and informs you that your family is being evicted in 2 days!

... your dad leaves and doesn't send any support. Mom begins cooking and selling food out of the house. A man shows up at the door with a gun and demands all the money. You are the oldest of 4 children - you are 9!

... your mother is dying. You haven't seen her for 8 years because she "sold" you to drug dealers when you were 8. You want to visit her before she dies!

... you are only 12 and your mother has been seriously ill for the last 6 years and has just died of cancer. There is no money to bury her and you know she didn't want to be cremated!

All of these scenarios are real ...

... real children and families living in the Pearl Lane area. All were served by Cross-Cultural Ministries in 2009. There are many stories like these.

The stories are sad but **there is Good News! The Good News** is ...

... DFACS placed all the children with a wonderful Christian family.

... no one was hurt by the gunman and the family has moved to a safer place. Miraculously, the family's needs are being met and the mother no longer sells food from her home.

... the daughter did get to see her mom the day she died and told her mom she forgave her!

... friends, teachers and even strangers collected enough money to bury the mom. The 12 year old is with his older brother who is a Christian.

... we have a God who came to earth, died for mankind and loves us! We have a God who intervened for these families!

## You make it possible

Through your giving of finances, time, and various items as well as your prayers, you make it possible for Cross-Cultural Ministries to remain among the various immigrants. You made it possible for CCM to be among the Cambodian refugees, the first group of refugees received by the U.S., and the Vietnamese as they came from multiple refugee camps. You now make it possible for CCM to be among the immigrant families of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico.

The current families are predominately from rural and poorly educated areas. They left everything, especially families, so that their children might have a better future. The parents undergo hardships, cramped living, long work hours and make many sacrifices (like all immigrants before them have) with the hope that their children will have an education, a better job, and a future in this country.



These families are here; the children will continue to live among us. They need our help, your help to be able to move ahead in a better future. Without educational assistance and tutoring, most will drop out of school and join a gang. They will speak limited English and Spanish.

But YOU make it possible for the children to do better in school - to enable them to become readers, to be empowered to understand what they read, and to be equipped to learn. THANK YOU!

Pray for the families. Pray for CCM to continue to be among them. Consider giving:

- give cookies, popcorn, other practical items we use, toys, coloring books, etc.,
- give financially
- give time: volunteer and pray

THANK YOU for making it all possible!